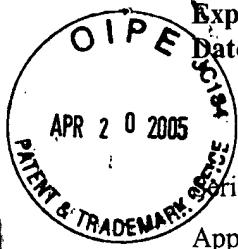


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; Office Action dated January 7, 2005 (2 pages);
2. Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Check Number 2577 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the extension fee; and
4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 27373-501 UTIL. Please address all correspondence to customer number 35437. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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